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Notes and news

This last September I had the pleasure of visiting Miss Corne's station in Barnard, Vt., for *Dryopteris filix-mas* (L.) Schott. It is interesting to note that here the plants grow in land sheltered and protected by butternut trees. This is true of the plants at Miss Strong's station in Woodstock and Bridgewater. I collected small fronds in fruit and shall be glad to send a frond to each member of the society for postage.

I also found a very large clump of the hybrid *D. filix-mas* \times *marginalis*.

Do members of the Fern Society know that the young, tender, uncoiled fronds of *Pteris aquilina* L., our common brake, when cooked are used as greens by many? This last spring I was fortunate enough to be treated to a dish of the greens, which are very palatable. To some, however, the taste has to be acquired. Campers in the woods and lovers of wild foods, may be glad in May and June to avail themselves of this opportunity for a new dish.

H. G. RUGG.

Substantial contributions to the society's herbarium to the number of about 125 nicely mounted sheets have been made by Dr. D. W. Fellows of Portland, Me., Mr. J. R. Swinerton of Newport News, Va., and Mr. H. C. Bigelow, New Britain, Conn. Several other donations have been promised and will probably be received in due time.

The recent election of the American Fern Society resulted in the reelection of the old officers: R. A. Ware, president; Nellie Mirick, vice president; L. S. Hopkins, secretary; H. G. Rugg, treasurer.

L. S. HOPKINS.